



Annual South County Garage Sale Coming in September

Promote the idea of reuse, conserve landfill space and avoid wasting valuable resources by having a garage sale! Morgan Hill, Gilroy and South Santa Clara County are celebrating their commitment to reducing waste by sponsoring South County Garage Sale Days. This year, Gilroy will hold their garage sales the weekend of September 12th and 13th and Morgan Hill's and South County's garage sales will be held the following weekend, September 19th and 20th.

Don't miss this excellent opportunity get rid of that unwanted stuff while making some extra cash and helping the environment! Remember, the fewer materials we send to landfills for burial, the fewer natural resources we waste.

You provide the garage. You keep the cash. Clean out your closets and empty the attic! We will provide free advertising and free garage sale kits. The kits include an inventory sheet, tips for holding a successful garage sale, and a guide to non-profit organizations which accept donations of used goods - including unsold garage sale items.

To participate as a seller, you must complete and return an application by **Friday, September 4th**. Applications can be found in the Morgan Hill Fall 2009 Recreation Guide, on the back of the Second Chance Week flyer that you will receive in your August utility bill, and on our website, www.secondchanceweek.com. You can also call 778-6480 or email andi.borowski@morganhill.ca.gov to request one. Don't forget, all applications are due by **Friday, September 4th**.

Advertising

The City will advertise the sale. We ask that you register your sale with us so that we can include your address in our outreach materials. Some of the ways we will be advertising:

- The event will be advertised in the Classified Section of the Mercury News and in the Morgan Hill Times/Gilroy Dispatch.
- A listing of participating addresses will be available at the Gilroy and Morgan Hill City Halls and on www.secondchanceweek.com. Remember, we must have your application here at City Hall no later than **Friday, September 4th** if you want your address to appear in the listing.
- The Garage Sale will be advertised at www.secondchanceweek.com, on the City of Morgan Hill website and on government access channel 17.

Frequently Asked Question's (FAQ's)

Q. Can I submit my registration form on-line?

A. Yes. Online applications are available at www.secondchanceweek.com .

Q. Where is the Garage Sale held?

A. The Garage Sale is held at the home of the resident who fills out the registration form. The City provides the advertising which increases your chances of having a productive Garage Sale, which in turn reduces the amount of material going to the landfills.

Q. Do I have to fill out a form to participate?

A. No. However, filling out the registration form will greatly increase your chances of having a better Garage Sale. The Participant List will be distributed in a number of ways, and will be seen by a lot of people, therefore increasing your advertising without much effort. Registration forms are due by **Friday, September 4th**.

Q. How much does it cost to sign up for the Garage Sale?

A. Nothing. The Garage Sale is free and open to residents of Morgan Hill, San Martin and Gilroy. The cities are paying for all of the advertising to help promote the recycling, reuse, and redistribution of materials that would otherwise end up in the landfill.

Q. When will I receive my Garage Sale Kit?

A. Kits will be mailed to registered participants the week of September 7th.

Q. How long is the Garage Sale going to last?

A. The Garage Sale runs Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. You may hold your sale Saturday, Sunday, or both days, but it will be to your benefit if you participate both days since shoppers will be out in force looking for bargains.

Q. Can I post signs for my Garage Sale?

A. Signs can be posted on private property only. Morgan Hill's sign ordinance prohibits putting temporary signs on public property or in the public right-of-way.

Q. What do I do with items that I don't sell?

A. One of the most important enclosures in your Garage Sale Kit is the list of non-profit organizations that accept donations of household goods year round. We encourage you to donate your unsold items or to give away usable items by using a "free" table rather than disposing of them in the trash.

For more information on South County Garage Sale Days, call Andi Borowski at 778-6480 or email andi.borowski@morganhill.ca.gov